

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**October 24, 2003
150 North 18th Avenue, Suite 540-A**

Members Present:

Michel Sucher (Chairman)	Jan Hauk
Mark Venuti	Dave Samuels
Scott Petersen	Bob Ramsey
Kay Lewis	Willie Minor
Michael Ward	Gitti Silven
David Ressler	Kurt Krumperman
Scott Butler	Taylor Payson
Joseph Gulotta	Robert Costello
Michael Frias	John Gallagher
Richard Thacher	Janine Anderson
Daniel Spaite	Neal Thomas
David Cheney	Mark Stroh
Marilyn Price	Gary Bradbury

Members Absent:

Rick Bartee	Jerry Stein
Charlie Smith	Robert Vavrick
Therese Williamson (Dunn)	

Guest Present:

Stephen Powles	Jim Roeder
Toni Brophy	Jim Koile
Bill Miller	Marcus Rodriguez
Nancy Parks	Brian Smith
Gary Woods	Barb Bovee
Jane Wixted	Sherri Abbens
Brenda Sutton	

BEMS Staff Present:

Victor Dominguez	Judi Crume
Donna Meyer	Ed Armijo
Dona Markley	Ralph Graves
Peggy Lahren	Suzy Baulch
Chuck Kramer	Robin Jarvis
Tim Singleton	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice Chair, Robert Vavrick, called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council to order at 10:40 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kay Lewis and seconded by John Gallagher to accept the agenda of October 24, 2003 with no changes and the minutes of June 20, 2003 with no corrections. **Motion carried.**

III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Rose Conner, Assistant Director, of the Arizona Department of Health Services, addressed the Council regarding legislative and budget issues. She also talked about the upcoming Open House for the new Health Services building on October 31, 2003.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Membership Update – Michel Sucher gave the Chairman's report.

B. EMS Council Executive Committee Report – The Committee met on October 16, 2003. They discussed the agenda, registration form, and invitation list for the upcoming EMS Futures Forum.

EMS Council suggested that we invite the Legislative Health Committees to the Forum.

1. **EMS Futures Forum** – The Forum will be held on December 5, 2003 at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel. It is located at 2620 West Dunlap Avenue. Michel Sucher reported the parties that are on the invitation list for the Forum. Greg Mears will be the keynote speaker. Eric Anderson will be the lunch speaker and the Director will be kicking off the Forum. In the afternoon there will be four breakout sessions. There will a nominal \$25.00 fee per person.

- C. **Bureau Staff Introductions and Organizational Update** – Judi Crume introduced Robin Jarvis and Tim Singleton two new employees of the Bureau. She also handed out a new organization chart and the Bureau's phone list of employees. The Bureau has formed three new service lines: EMS Policy and Practice, Ambulance and Regional Services, and Trauma and Injury Prevention.

V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **Education Committee** – The Committee met on September 26, 2003.
 1. **Independent Workgroup on Expanded Role Paramedic**–Next time the EMS Council meets the Education Committee will ask for support for changes under the Expanded Role of the Paramedic, Expanded Curriculum, Inclusion in Article 8 (See agenda item V A). These items will go to MDC and then will meet with Dona Markley.

a) **Expanded List of Medications**

b) **Expanded List of Procedures**

Item: Expanded Role of the Paramedics, Expanded Curriculum, and Inclusion in Article 8 (Decision)

Follow Up: Medical Direction Commission (MDC)

When: January 23, 2004

Who: Kay Lewis

Item: Jones and Bartlett Presentation (Access to Online Training for Paramedic)

Follow Up: Education Committee

When: November 21, 2003

Who: Kay Lewis

Discussion ensued regarding paramedics exceeding or under exceeding their scope of practice - Patient Care Technician versus Paramedic Scope of Practice.

- B. **Rules Committee** – The Rules Committee did not meet.
- C. **Budget Committee** – The Budget Committee did not meet. The EMS Operating Fund Annual Report For the Year 2003 was handed out.

There was a one time transfer fee of \$1,600,000.00 to the General Fund to off set the budget deficit and the second year Rural Ambulance Assistance Senate Bill 1201, Part B \$200,000. These amounts are not repeated in the 2004 Appropriation.

VI. RULES STATUS REPORT

- A. Chapter 25 Revision** – The Department has submitted the Final Proposed EMS Rules to the Governor’s Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) for approval. The EMS Rules are scheduled for GRRC consideration on Tuesday, November 4, 2003 at the Industrial Commission, 800 West Washington, First Floor Auditorium, Phoenix, Arizona. If approved, the rules go into effect on January 5, 2004. A copy of the document that was actually submitted to GRRC was handed out. Dona Markley thanked all the people that were involved in the process.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. RSI Pilot Project** – Toni Brophy updated the Council on the changes that were approved by MDC.

A motion was made by Kay Lewis and seconded by Dave Samuels to approve the RSI Pilot Project with these changes. **Motion carried.**

Toni Brophy will make these changes and send the final document to Michel Sucher for approval. Also change sever to severe head trauma.

- B. Public Health Preparedness** – Jane Wixted updated the Bureau. Some of the items that she is working on are:

- HRSA Grant
- CDC Grant
- Needs Assessments
- Hazmat and Training
- Satellite phones
- SAT Internet Activity
- Taking the EMS System Statewide
- Chempak Chemical Antidotes

- C. Amyl Nitrate Pilot Project** - The duration of this pilot project is to be five years. The Pilot Project originally began in June 2000. The Honeywell Fire Department has not responded to any emergencies warranting the use of Amyl Nitrate. If there were to be an emergency it would be reported at the next MDC meeting and not at the annual update of the pilot project.

- D. Calcium Gluconate Pilot Project Update** -The duration of this project is to be five years with annual reports. The Pilot Project originally began in October 2000. The Honeywell Fire Department has not responded to any emergencies requiring the use of Calcium Gluconate.

The Committee discussed looking at whether these pilot projects need to continue for the full five years and whether Gary Woods can simply report on actual use.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Formation of Task Force to Delineate Role and Responsibilities of Medical Direction** – Robert Vavrick would like to get EMS Medical Directors together to help delineate role and responsibilities particularly how to deal with people that Medical Direction has been withdrawn. What reporting is required to the Bureau? How to prevent people from going from one Medical Director to another? This meeting will take place somewhere around the EMS Futures Forum on December 5, 2003.

- B. Bylaws Change** - The Committee discussed changing the regular meetings of the Council from quarterly to three times a year.

A motion was made by Kay Lewis seconded by Willie Minor to accept the changes in the Bylaws. The Bylaws will now read “The regular meetings of the Council shall be held not less than three times a year, at a time and place designated by the Chair. **Motion carried.**

- C. 2004 Meeting Schedule** - Due to poor attendance of meetings in June, the committee discussed meeting three times a year (January, April and September). The subcommittee (Education) will meet four times a year (February, May, September, and November).

A motion was made by Kay Lewis seconded by Willie to accept the 2004 Meeting Schedule for EMS Council and Education Committee.

Motion carried.

The Education Committee’s meeting date (September 10th or 17th) will be determined by the date determined for the AZQT Committee (September 9th or 16th). The Education Committee meets the day after AZTQ and PMD.

Item: September Meeting Dates for STAB and AZQT
Follow Up: STAB Meeting
When: January 22, 2004
Who: John Porter

- D. Cochise County Communication Project Update** – Using a powerpoint presentation, Assistant Chief Bill Miller updated the Bureau on the project. The task was to design an up-to-date, easy to use, reliable two-way radio simulcast network system designed with integrating law enforcement personnel and other emergency responders within the limited funding sources for the project.

While they were providing 90% in-building coverage to a pager (as defined in NFPA 1221), the two-way channels will provide 90% in-building coverage to a portable radio.

- E. Continuous Cardiac Compressions Initiative** – The Sarver Heart Center from the University of Arizona in Tucson approached Tucson Fire to initiate an initiative regarding the approach to adult medical code rest.

This will be announced to the community on November 3, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. in a press conference at the University of Arizona.

- F. Field Data Collection Project Cochise County** – A demonstration project is being conducted in which the Southeast Arizona Emergency Medical Services Council (SAEMS), will include three EMS providers: Health Care Innovations, City of Douglas Fire Department and the Arizona Ambulance Services along with Fry Fire to utilize a common billing software system and to collect field data within their three CAH Networks: Benson Hospital, Southeast Arizona Medical Center and Northern Cochise Community Hospital. Computer and software were purchased so that the field personnel can enter field data directly onto a lap top computer. If the project succeeds the goal would be to go statewide.

IX. GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

- A. Primary Seat Belt Legislation** - Currently if you get pulled over by an officer this is a secondary offense and if they cite you for something else that is a secondary offense. If the Legislation is passed and if you are pulled over they can cite you for a primary offense.

It was recommended that due to the Legislative session in January, that this item go on the next agenda in January for EMS Council, MDC and STAB and also include a copy of this Legislation so that there would be enough time to decide if the Commission and Board would like to give any input and/or support from the medical community regarding this issue.

Item: Primary Seat Belt Legislation/Copy of Legislation
Follow Up: EMS, MDC, and STAB
When: January 22 and 23, 2004
Who: Richard Fimbres/Michael J. Frias

X. REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Central** – The Central Region approved six primary stroke centers.
B. Southern – Joe Gulotta was voted vice chair of the SAEMS Council. Terry Shine has moved to the Phoenix area and has resigned his council position. The Council revised a new divert protocol that goes into effect December 1st.
C. Western – An I-EMT transitional class is starting in February. The contact person is Sue Kerns. There is information on the website.
D. Northern – A copy of the report is available through the Bureau.

XI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Stephen Powles reminded the Council about the Public Safety Communications Committee (PSCC) meeting on December 16, 2003 at the Arizona Post, 2643 E. University, Classroom #2, Phoenix, Arizona.

Item: PSCC Committee
Follow Up: EMS Council
When: January 23, 2004
Who: Stephen Powles

XII. TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held January 23, 2003

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Approved by: EMS Council on 1/23/04